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HERITAGE SITE STATUS TO GOLDEN TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNESCO has granted heritage site status to the Holy Shrine of Golden Temple at Amritsar;

(b) if so, whether the Government had consulted the Sikh religious groups both within India and abroad on this issue, in accordance with the pre-conditions laid down by UNESCO for granting such recognition;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Not yet, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India has submitted a proposal to the World Heritage Committee for inscription of world heritage status on Shri Harimandir Sahib.

(b)&(c) The nomination dossier for Shri Harimandir Sahib (Golden Temple) was prepared in consultation with the SGPC, Sikh historians, professionals and religious heads.

(d) Question does not arise.